

Sanford “Sandy” Krasnoff New Orleans Criminal Justice Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Stevens.

II. Roll Call

Chief Judge Ranord Darensburg	Juvenile Court	Absent
Chief Public Defender Danny Engelberg	Public Defender	Present
Jennifer Greer	Probation and Parole	Designee present
Councilmember Leslie Harris	City Council	Designee Present
Sheriff Susan Hutson	Sheriff	Designee Present
Judge Bobby Jones	Judge	Designee Present
Asya Howlette	Office of Youth and Families	Designee Present
Darren Lombard	Clerk of Court	Present
Dr. Dwight McKenna	Coroner	Designee Present
Gilbert Montaño	Chief Administrator	Designee Present
Vice President Helena Moreno	City Council	Designee Present
Chief Judge Robin Pittman	Criminal District Court	Present
Commissioner Tenisha Stevens	Mayor’s Office	Present
Councilmember Oliver Thomas	City Council	Designee Present Wesley Bishop
Donesia Turner	City Attorney	Absent
Ms. Nikita White	State Office of Juvenile Justice	Present
District Attorney Jason Williams	District Attorney	Present
Superintendent Michelle Woodfork	NOPD	Designee Present
Ms. Thelma French	Total Community Action	Absent
Ms. Elizabeth Boh	Chief Executive Officer	Present
Mr. Troy Rhodes	Citizen Representative-Reentry	Absent
Mr. Greg Ravy	Citizen Representative-Equity	Absent
Ms. Margaret Washington	Citizen Representative-Victims/Survivors	Present
Ms. Melissa Sawyer	Citizen Representative- Youth Advocacy	Present
Dr. Rochelle Dunham	Citizen Representative- Mental Health	Designee Present Lakisha Mamon

III. Opening Remarks

Commissioner Stevens welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Dr Jamie Dew and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for hosting the meeting. Commissioner Stevens informed everyone of what was on the agenda for the meeting.

IV. Consideration & Approval of the Minutes from April 19, 2023

Commissioner Stevens asked the councilmembers if there were any corrections to the minutes for the meeting of April 19, 2023. Seeing there were no corrections, a motion was sought for the adoption of the minutes as written. Margaret Washington made a motion for the adoption of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Laura Veazey and approved by voice vote.

V. Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Allocation

Commissioner Stevens introduced Ms. Jenny Alber, OCJC Grants Director. Ms. Alber then gave a run through of the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Allocation of \$66,625.00 and how it will be distributed. There were two of the three organizations present to give presentation. The first presentation was given by Kristen Rome, Co-executive Director of Louisiana Center for Childrens Rights. The second presentation was given by Lindell Davis, Program Coordinator of Heroes of New Orleans. Commissioner Stevens opened the floor for questions to the two organization that presented. Many board members asked questions for better understanding of what each agency does. Commissioner Stevens then opened the floor for discussion among the council members. The council members voted by voice and majority of the votes were in favor of Louisiana Center for Childrens Rights.

VI. Grant Subcommittee Proposal

Ms. Jenny Alber talked more about the Grant subcommittee and informed council members of what they would have to do as a Grant subcommittee member.

VII. Hexagon Implementation Update

Commissioner Stevens introduced Tyrell Morris. Mr. Morris gave a presentation to update the council on the Hexagon Project. Director Morris announced a tentative go-live date of August 29th and said train-the-trainer sessions were going well. There were no questions from the council regarding the Hexagon system.

VIII. Violence Prevention Task Force Update

Director Morris continued with the Violence Prevention Task Force update stating that the group is working on a final report of all the things that have been happening, successes and bold recommendations. An assessment was done regarding the stolen vehicles and vehicles being removed from properties; some of the concerns raised and issues found through this process surround legal requirements of tow companies and tire shops and compliance with those regulations.

IX. Councilmember Updates

Commissioner Stevens noted that the LA State Police would be assisting with Essence Fest security and patrol.

X. Community Updates

No Community updates were given.

XI. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Commissioner Stevens thanked the members, a motion to adjourn the meeting was sought, so moved by District Attorney Jason Williams and approved by voice vote.